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Manufacturing Continues Active, Especially in Iron and Steel—Few Labor Struggles Expected May 1. Commercial Failures in United States and Canada Smaller.

New York, April 19.—Bradstreet's review of the state of trade to-morrow will say:

"Continued cold weather throughout the country delays crop preparation and developments, injures fruits, vegetables, and cotton, and the retail trade is correspondingly depressed. Orders from and collections by jobbers and wholesalers are affected. Indeed, the one salient feature that stands out clearly revealed is that the present continued immense activity in all lines of manufacture, the pressure on the producers for deliveries is insistent, the best examples of this being found in the iron and steel and cotton goods lines, which, as a whole, show a rather more firm undertone.

"Thus, sellers of pig-iron for the first half are being pushed for deliveries, quotations are very strong, and there is rather more reported doing in foundry grades, which hitherto have been slow to move. In cottons, features are the tendency to mark off quotations of prints and sheetings.

"It is far too cool for cotton, and arrested growth or killing of the young plants is reported from all over the belt. Scarcity of seed may limit ability to replant.

"Wool is usually dull at this date, but is extra so this year because Western markets are late in opening, owing to buyers and growers being apart. Eastern buyers will not buy unless they see a profit. Mills are well supplied with foreign wools. Cold weather interferes with shearing in the West."

## Dun's Review.

Dun's will say: "Spring trade develops slowly because of unseasonable weather, but the lost ground will be recovered in large measure when normal temperature prevails.

"Few labor struggles retard work in the industries, and an unusually small number of strikes are scheduled for May 1.

"Quiet conditions in the pig-iron market were to be expected after the large sales of last week, and production has been sold so far ahead that quotations are fully maintained. In the steel department there is an increasing scarcity of billets that handicaps consumers. Progress in building operations has brought out requirements for structural shapes that cannot be satisfactorily met; in addition to railway bridges and manufacturing plants there is a vast tonnage under consideration for local subway extensions.

No change has appeared in the primary markets for textile fabrics, prices ruling firm, and mills are well occupied. Resales of cottons are recorded, but without adverse effect, buyers being ready to take all offerings at second hands.

"Improvement is noted in woollens respecting duplicate orders for men's wear, and manufacturers of wool goods are encouraged by a trend in favor of their products.

"Although there is a better demand for hides on the whole, several grades have cheapened still more because of heavy accumulations. The Chicago market is relatively higher outside points. Foreign dry hides are all lower for the week.

"New England manufacturers report fair buying of footwear as quiet, but plants are still occupied on spring and summer contracts.

"Commercial failures this week in the United States are 138, against 214 last week. Failures in Canada number 21, against 29 last week."

## EXCESS FREIGHT RATES.

## Mississippi to Argue Important Case in Highest Court.

Hon. Thomas Marshall Miller, formerly attorney general of Mississippi, and for several years a distinguished member of the New Orleans bar, is expected in Washington shortly. He will be here in connection with the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission vs. the Illinois Central, New Orleans and North-western, Louisville and Nashville, Gulf and Ship Island, Mobile and Ohio, Southern Alabama and Vicksburg, Alabama Great Southern, and Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific railways, he having been appointed by the Attorney General of the United States, at the request of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and notified to present this case before the United States Supreme Court on April 22.

The case in question is regarded as one of the most important cases to come before the highest tribunal of the nation for some time. It involves the reclamation of about \$1,000,000 per annum in excess freight rate charges, through the alleged conspiracy of nine large railroad systems operating south of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi as far as Georgia. Needless to say, every lumber merchant and manufacturer in the South has a keen interest in the outcome of this case. The commission alleges that these railroads have conspired to advance the freight rates on yellow pine lumber 2 cent per 100 pounds upon all products, from the point of origin to the point of destination and beyond. Now, the case has been taken out of the hands of the lumbermen after having been fought all along the line in the Federal courts of the South, the plaintiffs winning at every point. It appears that the case was laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission and, in February, 1905, it was decided that the advance was unreasonable, and the railroads were ordered to desist from the further demanding of it. This they refused to do, and the case was taken to the Federal courts of the South, the plaintiffs winning at every point. It appears that the case was laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission and, in February, 1905, it was decided that the advance was unreasonable, and the railroads were ordered to desist from the further demanding of it. This they refused to do, and the case was taken to the Federal courts of the South, the plaintiffs winning at every point.

The general secretary of the United States of Christian Endeavor, William Shaw, Fairbanks, vice president of the United States, will address the twenty-third international Christian Endeavor convention, at Seattle, Wash., in July. His subject will be "Our Country." Many speakers of national and international reputation have accepted a place on the programme, and there will be a large representation among the speakers from remote countries in Europe and the Orient.

Large space will be given to missions, evangelism, and moral reforms. A school of methods for practical instruction will be held each day.

## RECEPTION FOR PASTOR.

## Brightwood M. E. Congregation Entertains Rev. E. C. Powers.

Brightwood Park M. E. Church held a reception on Wednesday in honor of the returning pastor, Rev. E. C. Powers. One of the trustees spoke words of welcome in behalf of the church and Sunday school, to which the following programme was rendered:

Section of Imperial Orchestra, G. D. Nolf, director; Misses Dicks, Lawson, Nolf, Campbell, Fox, Smith, Goff, and Mrs. Smith. Chorus by Misses Frances Stockton, Sophia Boutin, Ethel Stecker, Rose Stoll, Ethel Preston, Gene Smith, Gertrude Clifton, Newell, Louise Clifton, Nellie, and Catherine Kneel. Duet (piano and violin), Miss Julia Ayres and Homer Smith. Recitation, Miss Julia Ayres and Homer Smith. Piano duet, Frances Stockton and Rose Stoll. Solo, Mrs. E. C. Powers. Recitation, Misses Dicks, Lawson, Nolf, Campbell, Fox, Smith, Goff, and Mrs. Smith.

Refreshments were served by the women of the church.

Rev. Dr. D. E. Wiseman, of the Eighth Street Lutheran Church, will address the Sunday League at the Second Baptist Church, Third street northwest, to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## WILL LECTURE ON COLORADO.

## Mr. and Mrs. McClurg to Show Many Lantern Slides.

"Panoramic Colorado" is the subject of a traveling, illustrated with 250 lantern projections, to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McClurg in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association this evening at 8:15. This pictorial lecture, which represents the love and labor of twenty photographers and artists who live in Colorado, has crowded the halls of well-known academies, clubs, and universities of America. Last year it was presented in Washington before a distinguished assemblage of 1,000 people in the New Willard ballroom, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh. The cliff dwellers, Pikes Peak, together with the scenic wonders and remarkable industrial development of Colorado, will be included in the list of the subjects illustrated.

Mr. and Mrs. McClurg present this lecture, with their compliments, to the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington for the benefit of the current expense fund.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

## Miss Clark Will Keep Office of Union Open Every Business Day.

New York Avenue Church Society to Go to Baltimore Thursday to Study Immigration—Plans for Sessions.

Miss A. E. Clark has been appointed office secretary of the District Christian Endeavor Union, and union headquarters, room 730, in the Bond Building, will now be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. every business day.

In the death of Rev. Dr. T. Hamlin, Christian Endeavor loses one of its leaders, as Dr. Hamlin was one of the trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

There was a good attendance at the Junior rally held at the First Congregational Church, by the juniors from all societies. Miss Ardel Payne, superintendent of the junior department of the District Union, presided, and Rev. Charles Butler, of Keller Memorial Lutheran Church, led the devotional exercises. Juniors from the various societies served as ushers, one of the juniors played the piano, and an orchestra composed of junior boys from the various societies furnished music. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was recited by Marie Banks, one of the juniors of Vermont avenue society, and Rev. Dr. Power gave his address on the Holy Land.

At the monthly business meeting of the New York Avenue Christian Endeavor Society, Monday evening, the society voted to increase its appropriations to both home and foreign missions.

The society, in its Sunday evening meetings, is studying immigration, and has arranged for a party of its members to travel to Europe and return to-morrow Thursday morning, when three immigrant vessels are due, to visit the immigrant station there. Edward Tarring has charge of the arrangements for the society.

The First Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society has new officers, who are as follows: President, I. J. Condit; vice president, Miss Nellie Castle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. F. Glosdrenner; recording secretary, D. H. Edwards; treasurer, Clarence V. Kee, delegate to District Union, G. F. Glosdrenner.

An old-fashioned singing school was held by the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Congregational Church. It proved to be one of the most enjoyable socials of the year. Mr. Eaton acted as singing master.

A few evenings ago the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of Keller Memorial Lutheran Church gave a concert at which the following programme was rendered: Piano duet, "Overture to Poet and Peasant," by Marie and Bessie Humphreys; duet, "The House of Music," by Ruth Totten and Eliza Riley; recitation, "The Mountain Gleanings," Helen Tate; violin selection, Edward Weber, Warren Seltzer, and Charles Watson; broom drill, the junior girls; chorus, "Hark, Hark, the Lark!" Junior girls; song, "Joy, Joy, Joy!" zither solo, Esther Mortimer; dialogue, "A Slight Misunderstanding," Marie Humphreys as very deaf old lady, and Willie Mortimer as tramp; violin solo, Edward Weber; recitation, "The Possibilities," Bessie Humphreys; group of songs, "Topsy Turvy," "Soldier Boys," "Teddy Bear," "The Zoo," "The Train," chorus of girls; dialogue, Roberta Neuhart, Louise Bradley, and Edna Bradley; piano solo, Marion Devitt, Willie Mortimer; piano solo, Marion Butcher.

The audience room was well filled by the juniors and their friends.

A large audience filled Odd Fellows' Hall on a recent evening to witness a cantata given by the juniors of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church. It was entitled "An Idyl of the Wilderness," and was in two scenes—scene 1, "Just before the American Revolution," scene 2, "The end of the American Revolution."

Extensive preparations are being made for the musical and musical entertainment to be given by the choir boys of Holy Trinity Church, in the school hall, next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the proceeds of which will be for the benefit of the church. Excellent talent has been secured, and many of the friends of the church are expected to attend.

A fair that promises to be successful, and which will have many attractive features, will be given by the juniors of the new school hall adjoining St. Mary's Church, Fifth and G streets, this fair will continue every evening until Tuesday, April 30.

Rev. M. F. Yingling, pastor of the new church of Holy Trinity Church, is receiving assistance from numerous friends who are striving to make a great success of the fair to open in the parish hall next Monday evening. Mr. P. T. Mott will deliver the opening prayer at 8 o'clock. Supper will be served each evening.

St. Augustine's Lyceum will meet next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The children of the Sunday School are rehearsing for their annual May entertainment, which promises to be very enjoyable this year.

The directors of Georgetown University Hospital entertained members of the medical staff on Wednesday evening last at a beautifully appointed banquet, Rev. Davis S. Bud, S. J., president of the hospital, acted as host. The banquet hall was artistically festooned with flags and illuminated with many incandescent lights, which enhanced the rich appointments of the tables. The banquet dinner was an annual dinner given by the grateful directors of the hospital to the several attending physicians.

Great satisfaction and pleasure is felt over the election of Rev. T. F. O'Rourke to the position of pastor of the church in which he received his first religious education, in the parish where his childhood days were passed. Such an election naturally affords keen gratification to the friends of his childhood and to all those among whom the latter years of his life have been passed while executing the duties of an assistant pastor. At the same time, a sense of profound appreciation and loyalty is cherished in the heart of each member of St. Dominic's congregation, for the retiring pastor, Rev. Father Hinch, whose unflinching zeal and devotion endeared him to his parishioners and won for him numerous friends throughout the city.

An illustrated lecture on Panoramic Colorado was artistically presented by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McClurg in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association last Thursday afternoon. With numerous and well-selected views, pre-Columbian and present-day Colorado was interestingly portrayed, the cliff-dwellers, their homes and habits, a fascinating feature of the lecture, which also included a view of Pike's Peak, its discovery, its fauna and flora.

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Dr. William Merle Smith, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, of New York, an intimate friend of the deceased, will preach the funeral sermon, and Rev. C. Alvin Smith will assist, as will also two other ministers of the local presbytery who have not as yet been designated. They will probably be Rev. Dr. Bittinger and the Rev. Joseph T. Kelly.

## Order of Exercises.

The order of exercises will be as follows: Organ voluntary, the Chieftain Funeral March, introduced by Rev. Charles Alvin Smith.

Hymn, Scripture reading by Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, D. D. Prayer by Rev. R. F. Bittinger, D. D. Hymn.

Funeral address by Rev. William Merle Smith, D. D., Central Presbyterian Church, New York. Remarks by Rev. Charles Alvin Smith.

Organ voluntary, Handel's "Agnus Dei." The members of the session, representatives from the board of trustees and deacons' board of the church will act as honorary pallbearers.

Eight members of the Men's Society of the Church of the Covenant will constitute the active pallbearers. They will be President Frederick A. Fenning, William H. Baldwin, Andrew Y. Bradley, Allan O. Clephane, Walter M. Gilbert, Gilbert S. Groves, and Benjamin W. Parker, and Stanton Penfield Finkle.

The clergymen of the various denominations of the city, as well as the various boards and societies of which Dr. Hamlin was a member, are most cordially invited to attend, and Rev. Dr. Hamlin will be in charge of a committee, with Justice Stanton Penfield Peale.

A committee, of which John W. Foster is chairman, is planning a memorial service, to be held the Sunday following the funeral.

The Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, observed always on the third Sunday after Easter, will be commemorated in all Catholic churches in Washington, D. C., on Sunday, April 21, at 10:30 a. m.; Rev. T. J. Monahan, of the Catholic University, officiating as deacon, and Rev. James A. Smith as subdeacon. The sermon on this occasion will be preached by Rev. Thomas R. McQuinn, S. J., of St. Aloyst's Church. The children of the parish will receive their First Holy Communion at the 7 o'clock service, and their baptismal vows at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

In St. Aloyst's Church high mass will be sung at 11 a. m. by Rev. Henry A. Leon, S. J., assisted by Rev. M. L. Porter, S. J., as deacon, and Rev. John R. O'Brien as subdeacon; sermon by Rev. John R. O'Brien, S. J., will continue his sermon on "Prophets."

## BURIAL FROM CHURCH

## Funeral of Dr. T. Hamlin

## To-morrow Afternoon.

## SERMON BY NEW YORK PASTOR

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